



OFFICE OF

No. HB 1612

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 15, 2023

TIME SIGNED:

2:17 pm

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTY-NINTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 1612:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 1612.

Enrolled House Bill 1612 would significantly expand the types of crimes that would qualify as an "85% crime" under Oklahoma law. The Oklahoma legislature, beginning in 2018, has prioritized the establishment of a felony classification system in Oklahoma, which most states already have. Since taking office in 2019, I have repeatedly advocated for system-wide reform, including a felony classification system that provides certainty, accountability, and fairness. There is currently legislation being negotiated between all interested parties that would do just that.

While we must prioritize public safety and protecting Oklahomans, simply continuing to piecemeal together Oklahoma's criminal code is not in the best interest of our state or its citizens.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 1612

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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